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SUBJ: NEW YORK TIMES REQUEST FOR BRIEFING ON SOVIET

ARMS TO INDIA

REF: NEW DELHI 8287; LONDON 8278

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH EMBASSY NEW DELHI'S SUGGESTION THAT NEW YORK TIMES BE GIVEN BRIEFING REQUESTED ON SOVIET ARMS DELIVERIES TO INDIA. WE WOULD PREFER THAT WHATEVER STORY RESULTS FROM THIS BRIEFING BE DATELINED LONDON. WE THEREFORE SEEK EMBASSY LONDON'S VIEWS WHETHER IT POSSIBLE PASS TO NYT OFFICE LONDON, ON NON-ATTRIBUTION BASIS, THE

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UNCLASSIFIED DATA CONTAINED STATE 85206. IN DOING SO,

LONDON WOULD NOTE THAT THIS MATERIAL BEING PROVIDED IN  
RESPONSE REQUEST RECEIVED FROM WEINRAUB IN DELHI. FYI:  
DEPARTMENT GAVE SAME DATA TO HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COM-  
MITTEE HERE. THESE FACTS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY PUBLISHED  
WITHOUT SHOWING ANY SOURCE AS APPENDIX I TO REPORT OF  
(HAMILTON) SUBCOMMITTEE ON NEAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIA OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
END FYI.

2. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD PROPOSE LONDON GIVE TO TIMES  
OFFICE, AGAIN ON NOT-FOR-ATTRIBUTION BASIS, FOLLOWING LIST  
OF TYPES OF ITEMS SUPPLIED BY SOVIETS TO INDIA DURING  
PAST THREE YEARS:

ARMY

T-55 MEDIUM TANKS  
TRUCK-MOUNTED MINE-CLEARING TANKS  
TANK TRANSPORTERS  
TRUCK-MOUNTED BRIDGES  
TRUCKS OF VARIOUS CONFIGURATION INCLUDING SHOP  
VANS  
RADAR UNITS  
COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT  
AMMUNITION AND SPARE PARTS

NAVY

PETYA CLASS DESTROYER ESCORTS (FRIGATES)  
F CLASS SUBMARINES  
OSA CLASS LARGE GUIDED-MISSILE BOATS  
SUBMARINE RESCUE SHIP

AIR FORCE

MIG-21 FIGHTERS  
SU-7 FITTER GROUND-SUPPORT FIGHTERS  
MI-8 HIP HELICOPTERS

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IN ADDITION THE SOVIETS HAVE ASSISTED INDIA IN  
PRODUCTION (MANUFACTURING OR ASSEMBLING) THE  
FOLLOWING SOVIET WEAPONRY:

MIG-21'S  
SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES  
AMMUNITION AND SPARES FOR SOVIET-SUPPLIED

EQUIPMENT

FYI. THIS INFORMATION ON TYPES OF SOVIET EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED TO INDIA CAN BE FOUND IN THE PRESS, MILITARY JOURNALS AND OTHER OPEN SOURCES, BUT IS REASONABLY COMPLETE AND ACCURATE. MORE DETAILED DATA ON SPECIFIC DESIGNATIONS AND NUMBERS OF ITEMS SUPPLIED IS AVAILABLE IN THE DEPARTMENT ONLY ON A CLASSIFIED BASIS, AND WE CANNOT DECLASSIFY BECAUSE OF SENSITIVITY. WE WILL, HOWEVER, REFER NEW YORK TIMES TO SOURCES SUCH AS THE JANE'S COMPILATION ON FIGHTING SHIPS, THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES' BOOK THE MILITARY BALANCE, AND THE SIPRI YEARBOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS ON

THIRD WORLD ARMS TRADE, WHICH CONTAIN VARIETY OF INFORMATION ON SOVIET SHIPMENTS TO INDIA. END FYI.

3. FOR EMBASSY LONDON. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S EFFORTS TO PLACE SOVIET ARMS DELIVERY STORY WITH CARROLL. IN VIEW OF DELAY AND OF NEW YORK TIMES INTEREST, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BEST TO PROVIDE MATERIAL NOW FOR NEW YORK TIMES INSTEAD OF CARROLL. ROGERS

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